Washington Sentinel

Romance of Life Insurance. SINGULAR CASES OF FRAUD.

A work, recently published in London, gives an account of various means sometimes resorted to by individuals to unlawfully obtain money from Life Assurance Companies, by false re-presentations concerning the decease of the in-sured. The two following cases are curious

and interesting:
As the evening of an autumnal day began to close, four men might have been seen hiring a boat at one of the numerous stairs below Blackfriar's bridge. Their appearance was that of the middle order, but the reckless daring which characterized their air and manner marked them of the class that lives by others' losses. By the time they had rowed some distance up them of the class that lives by others losses. By the time they had rowed some distance up the river, the only light that guided them was the reflection of the lamps which fringed it; and no sooner were they shrouded by the darkness of the night, than, without apparent cause, the boat was upset, and the four were precipitated into the Thames. They were close to land, and while they buffeted the tide and made their way, they halloed lustily for help, which, as the shore was now ringing with the noise of boats and boatmen putting off to their assistance, was soon rendered. Of the four who had started, only three landed together, and great was their outcry for their lost companion. The alarm was soon given; all that skill could do to recover their friend was tried, but the night was too dark to render human aid of much avail. It was pitiable to the bystanders to witness the It was pitiable to the bystanders to witness the grief of those who were saved, who, finding no thing more could be done, were obliged to content themselves with offering a reward for the

tent themselves with offering a reward for the body, coupled with a promise to return early in the morning. They then went away, and the scene resumed its ordinary quiet.

A few hours after this, at the dead of night, a second boat, with the same men, pursued its silent and almost solitary course up the river towards the scene of the previous misfortune. With them was a large suspicious looking bundle, which, when they had arrived at a spot suitable to their purpose, they lifted in their arms, placing their horrible burden—for it was the body of a dead man—where, from Their the body of a dead man—where, from their judgment and knowledge of the tide, the corpse of their friend would be sought. Favored by darkness and by night, they accomplished their object, again rowing down the stream to an obscure abode in the neighborhood of Greenwich. When morning began to break, they returned once more to the place which had witnessed their mysterious midnight visit, where, with much apparent anxiety, they asked for their lost companion. The reply was what they expected. A body had been found; it was that which they had placed on the strand; and this they at once identified as that of the friend for whom had been offered a reward. A converts investment the remains a wordier

the insured man had met with a sudden and accidental death, and this was attested by the sion was sought to extend the privilege of travelling to America. This insurance was effected, and when only a few months had elapsed, information was received by the company that the insured gentleman, while bathing in one of the great American lakes, had been drowned; that his clothes had been left on the bank of the water, where his body had been found; and, in verification of this, all the necessary documents were lodged in due time.

As the death and identity of the traveller seemed clearly established, the office intimated its readito pay the policy at the end of three

its readito pay the policy at the end of three months; but three months seemed a long period to those who felt the uncertain tenure by which their claim was held; so, to induce the office to pay ready money, they offered a large and un-business-like discount. This, together perhaps with some suspcions created by the manner of the applicant, placed the office on its guard. Inquiries were soon instituted, and discoveries made which induced them to proceed still further; but no sooner was it found that a close inquisition was being entered on, than the claim was abandoned, and the claimant seen

no more at the office.

About 1739, two persons resided in the then obscure surburbs of St. Giles, one of whom was a woman of about twenty, the other a man whose age would have allowed him to be the woman's father. Their position might be characterized by the modern term "shabby genteel." They kept little company, and little was remarked of them beyond the fact that the man was tall and military-looking, and the woman, though handsome, haughty and frigid. On a sudden the latter was taken ill in the On a sudden the latter was taken ill in the night. The old man procured assistance; and, on the arrival of the leech, his daughter was found in agony, and soon became insensible, and died in his presence. The doctor laid his hand on her heart, shook his head, intimating that all was over, and went his way. The searchers came, and the coffin and its contents were committed to the earth. Immediately after the bereaved father claimed from the underwiters a sum insured on his daughter's underwiters a sum insured on his daughter's

underwiters a sum insured on his daughter's life, and left the place.

No great time had elapsed, when the neighborhood of Queen Square began to shake its head at the rather suspicious connexion which existed between one of the inmates of a house in that locality and a lady who resided with him. The gentleman assumed the title of captain and the style of a maccaroni, and visited Ranelagh with the lady, who accompanied him everywhere. Being apparently wealthy, he attained a certain position; was known as a dabbler in the funds; and was seen at Lloyd's land 19—16 Bookstore, near 9th street.

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and Garraway's, chiefly affecting the company of assurers. His house soon became the resort of the young bloods of the day, when, if they lost their money, they were repaid by a glance from the goddess of the place. It was noticed that the master of the house never lost, and that the master of the house never lost, and no doubt his current expenses were met by his gambling gains. Soon came an alarming interruption to these recreations. Any one who had possessed sufficient discrimination might have recognised in the captain and his inamorata the father and daughter of the suburbs of St. Giles. The same mock tragedy was again reacted. The lady was seized with spasms at the heart, which seemed to convulse her frame; and again the man was in the agony of despair. Physicians were sent for in haste. One only arrived in time to see her die; the rest, satisfied that life had fled, took their fees and departed. After a sham funeral, the gallant captain claimed and received from various underwriters, with whom he had assured the life of the lady, sums amounting to many thousands.

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A few days later a mature-looking personage appeared daily on the commercial walks of Liverpool in the character of a merchant. constant attender at church, a subscriber to lo-cal charities, and giver of good dinners, he soon became generally respected. The hospi-talities of his house were gracefully dispensed by a lady who passed as his niece, and for a time all went on smoothly. At length it be-came whispered abroad that his speculations were not successful as usual, and his own admissions gave a sanction to the whisper. It soon became advisable to borrow money on the property of his niece. To do so, they must insure their lives for about £2,000. This was easy enough. Secrecy was necessary for the sake of his credit, and under cover of this he effected ten different assurances for £2,000 each, in London and elsewhere. Again he had the game in his hand; again the lady fell sud-denly ill, and died of convulsions. There was no haste in forwarding the funeral; the body lay in state, and was visited by numerous friends, who called to see the last of her. The physician certified that she had died of a complaint he could scarcely name, and the grave received a coffin. The merchant retained his position in Liverpool, and bore his sorrows with dignity, scarcely alluding to the assurances that were due, and affecting indifference when they were named. But he had selected his victims

was prescribed; and thus the desponding

father, the gallant captain, and the respectable merchant got clear off with his enormous booty, chuckling at the success of his infamous scheme.

they expected. A body had been found; it was that which they had placed on the strand; and this they at once identified as that of the friend for whom had been offered a reward. A coroner's jury sat upon the remains, a verdict of accidental death was recorded, and the object of the conspirators fairly achieved. The object was to defraud an insurance office for a very large amount; for the missing man had not been drowned—grief was only simulated, and the body which had been placed on the banks of the Thames had been procured to consummate the deception.

Against a fraud, planned with so much art, and carried out with so much skill, no official regulation could guard and when the papers containing the report of the inquest and the identity of the body were forwarded to the office, as the ground-work of a claim for the representative of the deceased, not a doubt could be entertained of justice. It was true that the claimant, under his will, was his mistress; that his executors were persons who perpetrated the fraud, and were with him at the time of the accident; but there were the broad and indisputable facts to be disposed of, that the insured man had met with a sudden and accidental death, and this was attested by the hands fancy that beens, and the sum from their world. If, as Champollion has said, the edifices of ancient Egypt seem to have been designed and cidental death, and this was attested by the hands fancy that beings, hurder's of years' the time of the accident; but there were the broad and indisputable facts to be disposed of, that the insured man had met with a sudden and accidental death, and this was attested by the hands fancy that beings, hurder's of years' the first of the control of t among these strange monuments, we might almost fancy that beings, hundreds of yards in verdict of a jury. The money was paid; and, stature had been planting the pillars of some with that portion of it which came to the decolossal city, which they never lived to comceased, he went to Paris. In that gay capital, with a mistress as expensive in her habits as himself, the cash way seen to be a seen were seen, were mere worms: the customer were seen, were himself, the cash was soon spent, and so successful had been the first attempt in this line, that it seemed a nite for cessful had been the first attempt in this line, that it seemed a pity for a gentleman thus accomplished, to abandon a mine so rich. Very shortly, therefore, after the previous fraud, an application was made from Liverpool to an office in London to insure the life of a gentleman for £2,000. The applicant was repreter that the previous fraud, and office in London to insure the life of a gentleman for £2,000. The applicant was repreter that the previous fraud, and office in London to insure the life of a gentleman for £2,000. The applicant was repretered in the midst of a tempestuous sea, are the workmanship of creatures which have been calmy uptered in the midst of a tempestuous sea, are the workmanship of creatures which possess neither bodily strength nor high animal instinct. That duties so important should have been designed to beings so lowly, is one of the finest moral facts science has unfolded. It is the function of the coral polyp, under the pre-

> REVOLUTIONARY ANECDOTE.—At the siege of Yorktown, the 19th of October, 1781, blinds or breastworks were made of hogsheads and pipes filled with sand. There were four hundred American troops in a redoubt in which Hamilton and Knox were stationed. A general order had been given, that when a shell was seen coming, the troops might cry out "a shell"—but not to cry a shot, when a shot was seen. The reason of this distinction was, that a shell might be avoided, but to cry a shot would only make confusion, and do no good. This order make confusion, and do no good. This order was just then being discussed, Colonel Hamilton remarking that it seemed to him unsoldierlike to halloo "a shell," while Knox contended the contrary, and that the order was wisely the contrary, and that the order was wisely given by General Washington, who cared for the lives of the men. The argument, thus stated, was progressing with a slight degree of warmth, when suddenly, spat! spat! two shells fell and struck within the redoubt. Instantly the cry broke out on all sides, "a shell! a shell!" and such a scrambling and jumping to reach the blinds and get behind them for defence. Knox and Hamilton were united in action, however differing in words, for both action, however differing in words, for both got behind the blinds, and Hamilton to be yet got behind the blinds, and Hamilton to be yet more secure, held on behind Knox, (Knox be-ing a very large man and Hamilton a small man.) Upon this, Knox struggled to throw Hamilton off, and in the effort Knox himself rolled over and threw Hamilton off toward the rolled over and threw Hamilton off toward the shells. Hamilton however scrabbled back again behind the blind. All this was done rapidly, for in two minutes the shells burst, and threw their deadly missiles in all directions. It was now safe and soldier-like to stand out. "Now," said-Knox, "now what do you think, Mr. Hamilton, about crying shell—but let me tell you not to make a breastwork of me again." On looking around and not a man hurt out of more than four hundred, Knox exclaimed, "it

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Nov. 6—dtt&cp.

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JAMES J. MILLER, Agent, Over banking-house, Selden, Withers & Co-Over banking-house, Selden, Withers & Co-

ORANGE AND ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD CHANGE OF HOURS. On and after Thursday, January 1st, 1854, daily trains (Sundays excepted) will be run over this road, agreeably to the following arrange-A train for Warrenton and intermediate

will leave the Station, corner of Duke and Henry streets, at 8½ o'clock, A. M; arrive at Warrenton at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Returning will leave Warrenton at a quarter past 1 o'clock P. M., arriving in Alexandria at a quarter before 4 o'clock. P. M.

A train from Cultagnar C. H. to Alexandria A train from Culpepper C. H. to Alexandria and intermediate points will leave Culpepper C. H. at 7½ o'clock, A. M., arriving in Alexandria at 10½ o'clock A. M.

O'clock A. M.

Returning will leave Alexandria at 1½ o'clock,
P. M., arriving at Rapidan Station at 5 o'clock P.
M., connecting at this point with the stage to and
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Dec 11—colm

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Curacoa, Anisette, Kirschwasser, Absynthe.
And of my own preparation—
A few dozen of Blackberry Juice,
And a few dozen of Wild Cherry Brandy, for
medicinal purposes.
Together with a stock of superior genuine Havana Cigars, and a variety of cheap family Wines.
Dec 22—3tif&2if>w.

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Also, Tuning Forks, Pegs, Bows, Rosin, Italian
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J. F. ELLIS,
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NEW MUSIC, PIANOS, &c.

WE have this week published the "Star
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to Messrs. Wallach & Hope, of the "Evening
Stars"

Star."

This is very pretty Schottische, and our friends should not fail to secure a copy. We have also recently opened five new Pianos, from the establishment of Knabe, Gaehle & Co., and one from Firth, Pond, & Co., N. Y., to all of which we invite the attention of those in want of a first-rate instrument, as we are determined to sell at very low rates.

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THE UNDERSIGNED offer their services to prosecute claims of every description be-fore Congress and the different departments of the Office on 14th street, opposite Willard's Hotel.
Sep 29—tf BROWN & WINTER.

CHAS. H. LANE has now the honor of informing his numerous friends and patrons, in and out of Congress, that his stock is large and complete in every department, embracing all articles usually kept in a first-class furnishing establishment.

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Gentlemen are respectfully solicited to call and examine my stock, which will be cheerfully exhibited at all times. Moderate prices and fair dealing may be relied upon.

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Furnishing Establishment,
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NDIA RUBBER GOODS.—We keep always on hand a general assortment of the above goods, such as coats, cloaks, cloths, piano covers, life preservers, and all goods made of this material.

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Dec 3—d2wif

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The whole of the above watches are carefully selected by myself, and being put up under my own
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Corner Pennsylvania s venue and 4½ street.

Dec 17—3md (w)

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JUST RECEIVED, per barques Maryland and Nickerson, from Boston, and per transportation line from New York, a further supply of six pianos.—These, with the pianos lately received, form the largest and most elegant assortment ever offered in this city. Magnificent Louis XIV. and Central Pianos, from the long-established and world-renowned factory of Jonas Chickering, Boston, from the old and celebrated factory of Bacoa & Raven, New York, and from other approved New York manufactories.

In this assortment every scale and style of pi-

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The hundreds of pianos sold by the subscriber sufficiently attest the quality of his instruments and his moderate prices.

Second-hand pianos taken in part payment for new ones.

A large stock of guitars, violins, flutes, according

ons, &c.

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RICH'D. DAVIS',

Dec 21—eo3t

Music Store.

the public for the very flattering patronage hitherto bestowed upon him, takes this occasion to return his acknowledgments, and at the same time to give notice that, on the 1st instant, he associated with him Mr. HORATIO BEALL. The business will in the transport of the party of ness will in future be conducted under the name and style of Luzz & Brall.. F. A. LUTZ. We have on hand and shall constantly keep a We have on hand and shall constantly keep a large and general assortment of every article in our line, such as saddles, harnessy trunks, whips, robes, &c, all of which we will be pleased to show, and every endeavor will be made to give entire satisfaction to all who may favor us with their patronage.

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Will attend to claims before Congress or the
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Dec 14. cod 1w

Notice—We shall apply to the Commistoner of the General Land Office of the United States for Scrip, under the Act of Congress of August 31st, 1852, on a Land Warrant, (No. 123,) issued from the Land Office of Virginia, Feb. 12th, 1783, to John Hardyman, for his services as a Lieutenant of the Virginia State Line, in the War of the Revolution, which said Land Warrant has never been located or otherwise satisfied.

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Dec. 33—

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A CARD.—Copartnership.—I have associated with me in business, to take effect from the 1st instant, my brother, H. Burns. The business will be known and carried on in the future under the name of Gro. Burns & BROTHER. I would ask for a continuance of the liberal patronage which has been bestowed upon me for the last seven years, as there will be no efforts sparred by the new firm to meet the wants of the public in our line.

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